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MARBLEAGE.
On the 15th March, by the Rev. J. R. Hyde, D.D., at No. 2, The Bund, Shanghai, J. Ward, Hall, of Shanghai, to Anna Louise, Lieutenant of Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

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HONGKONG, 29th March, 1901

WITHIN a very short time of one another on Wednesday ult. we received two telegrams from Shanghai, one stating that YANG YU, Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg, had refused Count LAMPSKOFF's demand that he should sign the Manchurian Convention, and the other that Li HUNG-CHANG had actually signed the Convention on Wednesday, under pressure of the threat that Russia would "hail down the Chinese flag"—presumably over Government buildings in Manchuria. If both these reports are true, it is plain that Li HUNG-CHANG signed without authority from the Chinese Government, who therefore are not bound in the slightest degree by the action of one who has so long been a tool of Russia. In this context we may quote what the *North China Daily News* justly calls a characteristic telegram, which Li HUNG-CHANG sent to Hsian when he learned of the protests against his scheme:—"If Your Majesty do not ratify the agreement, Russia will remain and take possession of Manchuria for ever, and other countries will follow suit. If Your Majesty will ratify it, Russia promises to return all Manchuria to China, and this will prevent further protests from the Foreign Powers." If any threat were actually made to haul down the Chinese flag, it would seem that Russia were tired of the pretence of willingness to restore Manchuria to China, and seeing the impotence and credulity of the other Powers, were resolved to sail if necessary under her true colours. Writing from Peking on the 18th ult., Dr. MORRISON said:—"Once more it is necessary to emphasise the fact that China unaided is unable to resist any demand pressed by Russia. Russia appears determined to profit by the condition to which China is reduced by the action of the other Powers, just as she profited by obtaining the Pomeranian province after the war of 1860, and Port Arthur and Takuwan subsequent to the war of 1895." No stronger confirmation of the *Times* correspondent's word is needed than the events of the last few days. China now stands practically unaided, and her

most prominent representative is showing his usual willingness to sell her interests. Moreover, he is by no means alone in his feelings toward Russia. As Dr. MORRISON points out in the same despatch which we have just quoted, the Chinese argue that Russia, having no interests south of the Great Wall, no missionaries, no trade, and no troops, can weaken the action of the other Ministers to the advantage of China, and therefore can reasonably expect in return benevolent treatment from China in any agreement proposed outside the Great Wall, especially as Russia is in military occupation already. There is little reason to wonder if China, seeing that Russia cannot be ousted from Manchuria by any efforts of hers, and drawing her conclusions from the vacillation of the Powers, should resolve to take the line of least resistance, accept finally the patronage which Russia has so long been offering and which statesmen of the Li HUNG-CHANG school have done their best to make China accept, and endeavour by the help of Russia (sacrificing the sacrifice of Manchuria to start with) to consolidate her position in the Eighteen Provinces against the other Powers. From a Chinese point of view it is decidedly better to have Russia friendly and the other nations apathetic than Russia actively hostile and the other nations sympathetic, but unwilling or afraid to assist.

What then may be behind the *Novosti*'s advocacy of an alliance between Russia and Japan? It is impossible to guess. Often of the past has a St. Petersburg paper been allowed to send up a *faux clef*—for the purpose of ascertaining, without any official being committed, what are the chances of some project. Russia may well wish to know whether Japan's hostility to her has been at all as staged of late. The harmony indeed between the troops of the two nations during the fighting in the North was sufficient, but the attitude of the Japanese native Press just now about Corea shows that at least as far as the Peninsula is concerned Japan is as jealous as ever she was.

The *Novosti*'s argument as to the advantage of an alliance with Russia can hardly even be called specious. The St. Petersburg journal speaks of Japan gaining by refusing to take the risk of losing what she has. This comes well from a representative of that nation which reaped the principal harvest from Japan's struggle with China in 1895! A combination of the European Powers then agreed to hand over to Russia what Japan had won; and Britain acquiesced, guided by the believers in the benevolent intentions of Russia and those foolish sentimentalists who were shocked at the suggestion of any alliance between a white and a yellow race and a *daigai* boat.

A proposal is on foot to form a Chinese alliance to seek the friendship of both the ports of Kowloon and Haikow, Pukhien and Haiphong. At present there are trading between those ports and Hongkong, the six steamers of the Mary-Hai of three Germans, and a *daigai* boat. Local traders interested in this line state the field is too small to admit of any further innovation, and regard the new scheme as somewhat impudent.

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The Brough Comady Company's Hongkong season will commence at the City Hall on Tuesday, the 16th April, and continue for about three weeks. The repertoire will consist of *The Lure* (which will be the opening play); *The Gay Lord Quex*; *The Adventures of Jane*; *The Adventure of Lady Eleanore*; *The Tyranny of Tears*; *The Bridesmaids*; *Soaring the Wind*; *A Man of Fortune*; *A Village Priest*; *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray*; *Handy Dick*; and *Niobe*; all the plays will be mounted in the same manner as formerly. Everything in the way of scenery, costumes, and stage furnishings being carried for each play. The Box-plans, we are informed, will be open on the 10th prox.

The number of allied troops in North China at present is 50,000, viz., 15,000 British, 15,000 Germans, 12,000 Japanese and 8,000 of other nationalities. The Headquarters of the Allies, according to Japanese reports, have been discussing the advisability of reducing the number for a considerable time past, and at one time it was decided to cut down the strength of the force as soon as the winter was over. Various important questions have compelled the Allies to abandon the idea for the time being. One of the reasons is that the peace negotiations have not made much good progress as was anticipated. There is no hope of reducing the number at present. The Japanese Major-General Fukushima, who was expected home, will remain in North China for some time to come.

In response to the invitation to the Oxford and Cambridge dinner at the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m. on Saturday next, over 30 acceptances have already been received. Last year 24 sat down to dinner, but the presence in the Harbour of so many of His Majesty's ships has largely increased the clerical element this year. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria will occupy the chair.

The Manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China informed us yesterday morning that the Bank had that morning received from their London Office the following telegram:—"At the approaching meeting of Shareholders the Directors will recommend a dividend for the past half-year at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free of Income Tax, that £50,000 be added to Reserve (which will then stand at £575,000), and £21,000 be carried forward as undivided profit."

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Standard Oil Co. of New York ... \$50
Aldredge & Ibrahim & Co. ... 25
Banque du Indo-Chine ... 25
F. Blackhead & Co. ... 25
Bradley & Co. ... 25
W. Brewer & Co. ... 25
Fairall & Co. ... 25
Dowell & Co. ... 25
Cawnpore Paliasses & Co. ... 25
D. S. Dady Burjor ... 25
Gibb, Livingston & Co. ... 25
David Gillies ... 25

The British transport *Pearl* arrived from Wosung yesterday.

During the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday one fresh case of plague and two deaths (Chinese) were reported; and three cases of small-pox (Chinese) and six deaths (five Chinese, one other Asiatic).

Sixty-two years ago yesterday 23,239 chests of opium were burnt at Canton by Commissioner Lin, who had previously imprisoned all the British merchants within their factories at Canton and thus got possession of the opium valued upwards of £2,000,000.

The German ship *Otto Goldsteiner*, which was reported overdue on a voyage from Yokohama to Astoria, and on which a heavy re-insurance had been paid, was spoken on January 30th last in 33° N., 127° W., in a dismantled condition, but refused assistance.

From a Macao correspondent we learn that the *fin-de-siecle* monopoly was put up for auction on Wednesday and realised the substantial sum of £500,000—a large increase on the old price of £100,000. Besides this, the monopolists have to pay 25 per cent on the sum annually to the Municipal Chamber.

In the French Illustrated papers, including *Le Figaro* and *Le Journal de Paris*, the features of Mr. Kruger, which so recently adopted their pages, have been gradually assuming a more and more brutal character than those perpetrated in Childs last year.

Consequent on the introduction of electric power machinery the cost of the equipment of the Burma Ruby Mine was increased from £100,000 to £160,000. The cost of the

French Wounded Soldiers' Aid Society has decided in agreement with M. de Luessat, the Minister of Marine, acting on the advice of Admiral Pottier, to send to Nagasaki a third field hospital, which will be attached to the two hospitals already installed by the Society in that town. These three hospitals will sustain 500 cases.

A Paris telegram dated the 19th inst. quotes a Peking despatch to the effect that the state of negotiations will permit the speedy return of 10,000 French troops.

A Bulawayo telegram dated 21st February says:—It is reported that the boxes of chocolates sent by Queen Victoria the Christmas before last for the local forces have now arrived in

Taking the figures of five years ago, the three great competing commercial nations have increased their exports over that period as follows:—United States, 94 millions—47 per cent.; Great Britain, 51 millions—21 per cent.; Germany, 44 millions—25 per cent. The United States thus comes out an easy first, look at it how we may. Sir Charles Dilke, in an article communicated to the *Paris Figaro* a few days ago, remarked upon the general tendency to regard Germany as the great commercial rival of Great Britain, and pointed out that the United Kingdom and Germany also must soon lower their flags to the United States. The lowered flag is now an accomplished object in this matter of exports.

In connection with the prospect of money grants to our chief commanders in the Boer War, including, it is rumoured, £100,000 to Earl Roberts, it may be interesting to recall how that sort of thing is done in Germany.

After the campaign of 1866, Bismarck was granted £400,000 thalers (£50,000), Count Roon £300,000 thalers (£45,000), while Generals Moltke, Steinmetz and Von Bismarck each received 200,000 thalers (£30,000). All these

sums were taken out of the war indemnity fund, was also the way—with the similar donations after the French War, though in this case of Bismarck his particular gratuity then took the form of the estate of Friedrichsruh, worth about £150,000, presented to him by the old Emperor—out of his own private domains. Otherwise, a sum of £60,000, taken from the French war funds, was cheerfully voted by the Reichstag for distribution among the most meritorious generals and statesmen of the war, at the discretion of the Emperor himself.

A racing case of some importance and interest was decided last night by Mr. Justice Graham. It appears that Lady Meux, who goes under the name of "Mrs. Thobald," is the owner of the colt *Voltyssic*, the favorite for the Derby. This animal, with others, was "leased" by her to the late Lord William Beresford. Upon the latter's death, his executors, the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough claimed the benefit of the lease, while Lady Meux set up a right to the return of the horse.

Upon the ground that the lease was only for the racing career of *Voltyssic*, that it was a personal arrangement, and consequently that it terminated with Lord William's death, Mr. Justice Graham decided in favour of Lady Meux, especially upon the ground that, by custom, racing agreements are usually terminated by death. It was originally intended to carry the case through the Court of Appeal to the Lords, but the point at issue has been finally compromised, and there will be no further appeal.

THE CANTON RIVER" ON EVEN KEEL AGAIN.

Between five and six o'clock yesterday afternoon the appliances encapping the sunken dredger, with the connecting hawsers to H.M.S. *Centurion*, born the steam pressure placed upon them so successfully that last night she steadily turned into position, until at last she became perpendicular, and was on an even keel once more. It has been a work of considerable anxiety to those who have had the management of it, as well as to those who devised the plan by which it could be carried out. In our issue of Saturday last we described the operations in detail, and referred to the two purchases which had been placed into position. The third having been securely fixed, it only remained for the dredger and H.M.S. *Centurion*. On Monday the connecting work was commenced, and a Government Notification warned any craft from passing between the dredger and the dolphin off Murray Pier, and intimated that

while the work of righting was in progress, an additional obstruction would exist between the *Centurion* River and the *Centurion*. A straight course having been secured for the hawsers by the removal of H.M.S. *Centurion*, the double purchases were connected with the steam-power of the *Centurion*, and the third to a mooring lighter, with the result that at a given signal the haul was effected, and the dredger became righted, as we have stated. She is now held by the anchor purchase, and, according to those best able to judge, cannot swerve in any way.

"THE GEISHA" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

Though *The Geisha* is not a novelty it is extremely popular, and consequently almost every theatrical company which visits the Colony includes the play in its repertoire. The Dallas Company have arranged to give three performances of the piece at the Theatre Royal, and the first came off last night in the presence of a large house. The performance was a great success in every way, the scenes being pretty, the singing good, and the acting excellent.

Miss Evelyn de Worms made a most charming *O Mimoso San*. She has a beautiful voice which she has well under control, and her vocal contributions were loudly applauded and frequently encored. Miss May Norton made a great hit as *Molly Seamore*. She sings and dances well and soon became a favourite with the audience. The part of *Jallette*, the French girl, was well taken by Miss Hetty Peel. Mr. Henry Dallas as *Wan-Hi* was in his element. He caused roars of laughter, as also did Mr. J. Ferrell as the Marquis *Imari*. The rest of the characters are in good hands, with the result that a really excellent evening's entertainment is provided.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The steamer *Arranmore*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning.

The N. I. K. steamer *Tamia Maru* (Eur-

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, 28th March, 7.56 p.m.

LI'S SIGNATURE ONLY A RUMOUR.

The statement that Li Hung-chang has affixed his signature to the Manchurian Convention proves to be only a rumour.

SZECHUEN VICEROY JOINS IN PROTEST.

Kwei Chun, Viceroy of Szechuen, has telegraphed to the patriots here that he fully concurs in their protest to the Throne, and that he himself has telegraphed to the Grand Council at Hsiafu, protesting against the Convention.

GENERAL DISAPPROVAL.

Six Viceroys and seven Governors have wired to the patriotic party at Shanghai that they concur in the protest.

LONDON, 27th March, 4.30 p.m.

ST. PETERSBURG PAPER ADVOCATES RUSSO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

The *Novosti* advocates a Russo-Japanese alliance and says that Japan has everything to gain by refusing to take the risk of losing what she has.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 27th March, 4.50 p.m.

THE IRON TRADE.

The North of England iron trade is depressed, and wages are reduced 7/8 per cent.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 28th March.

THE OPERATIONS IN BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

General Balfour has defeated a Boer force 1,500 strong under Delaréy to the south-west of Venterdorp, capturing 77 wagons, 21 six-pounders, 6 Maxims, a Pom-pom, quantities of ammunition, and 140 prisoners. The British losses were slight, but many Boers were killed and wounded.

LONDON, 28th March.

THE POWERS IN CHINA.

The United States on the 17th February expressed to China its sense of the inexpediency and even of the extreme danger of considering any private territorial or financial arrangements, at least without the full knowledge and approval of the Powers.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 28th March.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR JOHN CARRINGTON, C.M.G. (CHIEF JUSTICE).

AU TO HANG APPELLANT V. WILLIAM BOND, RESPONDENT.

At the Magistracy on the 17th February, Au to Hang was fined \$100, or two months, for unlawfully infringing the exclusive privilege of the Postmaster-General by conveying letters in the colony otherwise than through the General Post Office on the 17th February at Victoria in this colony. This decision was appealed against. The appeal was a double one—first, a motion that the case might be heard before the Full Court, on the ground that the conviction of the defendant was against the weight of evidence; and second, appeal on points of law, the substantial question being whether the onus of proving that the letters in question were exempt lay upon the prosecution or upon the defence. Ordinance 24 of 1900 forbids the conveyance of letters in the colony otherwise than by post unless such letters are exempted, the letters being so exempted being specified in section seven.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C. (instructed by Mr. C. Evans) appeared for the appellant, and the Attorney-General (instructed by Messrs. Deans and Bowley, Crown Solicitors) for the respondent.

Mr. Pollock said this was an appeal from the decision of Mr. Kemp, Acting Police Magistrate, and was brought upon questions of law as well as of fact. His Lordship would have noted from the depositions that the appellant was a messenger employed by the compradores of the steamer *The Ou*, and that part of his duties as such messenger was to deliver letters in this colony. At the Magistracy the following evidence was given by P. C. William Bond:—"At about 7.30 a.m. on the 17th February, I was on duty in Queen's Road. I saw the defendant deliver a letter at No. 2, D'Aguilar Street. He said it came from Canton. He had some other letters up his sleeve and a book in his pocket. I arrested him and took him off the Central Police Station." On being cross-examined, Bond said:—"The defendant willingly gave all information at the Station." The only other evidence in the case was the evidence of the third clerk at the Magistracy, who was called to translate, so far as he could, the addresses on the envelopes of the letters which were found on the appellant, and after he had given evidence the case for the prosecution at the Police Court was closed. At that stage Mr. Harston, who appeared for the appellant in the Court below, submitted that there was no evidence to go on with. The Magistrates held that the onus lay upon the appellant to prove that he came within some exception recognised by the Ordinance. Mr. (Mr. Pollock), however, laid stress on certain cases in which it was decided that in former days the burden lay upon the prosecution.

The Attorney-General, on the other hand, called attention to the provisions of section 28 of the Magistrate's Ordinance of 1890, which provided that exceptions, exemptions, etc., must be proved by the defendant and need not be specified or negatived in the information or proved by the prosecution if specified. He pointed out that this provision was the same as that in the Summary Jurisdiction Act of 1875 and of the Licensing Act of 1872. He further pointed out that the case of Roberts v. Humphries (8 Q.B. reports, page 413), decided under the more recent law, overruled in effect the decisions quoted by Mr. Pollock.

His Lordship held that the Magistrates took the right view of the law—that the onus lay on the appellant to bring himself within the exception recognised by the Ordinance. The other points submitted to the Court were also decided in the respondent's favour, the result being that the decision of the magistrate was affirmed and the appeal dismissed with costs.

HONGKONG SCHOOLS' SPORTS.
Bright weather favoured the annual athletic sports of the Hongkong Schools on the Race-course at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The number of spectators was large, but hardly up to that of preceding years. The programme, which was timed to begin at one o'clock and to finish at five, included together twenty-six events, many of which were admirably contested and quite exciting in their finishes. An additional treat was imparted to a capital day's entertainment by the presence of the band of the 3rd Madras Light Infantry, which played at intervals throughout the afternoon. Appendix is the list of prize-winners:—

1.—Long jump (for boys up to 16 years of age).—1. F. Moote; 2. J. A. Yeanovich; 3. C. Humphries.

2.—100 yards flat race (handicap: for boys from 10 to 13 years of age).—1. Chan Yau-chong; 2. Fung Sui-ang; 3. C. Perez.

3.—100 yards flat race (handicap: for boys from 7 to 10 years of age).—1. J. M. Barrados; 2. N. L. Roche; 3. S. Vital.

4.—100 yards flat race (handicap: for boys from 13 to 16 years of age).—1. J. Rivera; 2. R. M. Costa; 3. A. J. Ribeiro.

5.—One mile bicycle race (handicap: all ages).—1. C. Humphries; 2. J. Barro (scratch); 3. F. Drude.

6.—High jump (for boys from 15 to 18 years of age).—1. F. Lawrence; 2. C. C. de Carvalho. Distance, 8 ft. 8 in.

7.—200 yards flat race (handicap: open to all ages).—1. D. Rumbahn; 2. A. J. V. Ribeiro; 3. R. M. Costa.

8.—120 yards hurdle race (handicap: ten flights of 3 ft. 6 in. hurdles: for boys from 13 to 17 years of age).—1. J. C. Botelho; 2. A. J. Ribeiro; 3. A. H. Carroll.

9.—High jump (for boys from 10 to 13 years of age).—1. F. Drude; 2. Lam Fook.

10.—100 yards flat race (handicap: for girls under 10 years of age).—1. W. Meugen; 2. A. Lee.

11.—100 yards flat race (handicap: for girls over 10 years of age).—1. E. Monting; 2. L. Silas; 3. L. Noma.

12.—Quarter-mile race (handicap: open to all ages).—1. A. J. V. Ribeiro; 2. J. Lawrence; 3. D. Rumbahn.

13.—220 yards flat race (handicap: for boys from 7 to 10 years of age).—1. J. M. Barrados; 2. A. M. Saifid; 3. F. Guedes.

14.—Throwing the cricket ball (open to all ages).—1. D. Rumbahn; 2. J. Martinez.

15.—Half-mile challenge cup (for boys from 14 to 18 years of age).—1. A. R. Kadar; 2. E. Humphries. The Cup having been won outright last year and the donor having gone home, the winner this year was awarded a medallion.

16.—Skipping race (open to girls only).—1. Annie Leafield; 2. R. Silas; 3. C. Dunphy.

17.—50 yards flat race (handicap: for all comers under 7 years of age).—1. White and H. Castro (dead-heat); 2. A. Matthews; 3. Ah Yuen.

18.—300 yards flat race (for Chinese boys over 15 years of age).—1. Chan Yau; 2. Ho Sik Lung.

19.—600 yards flat race (handicap: for boys from 13 to 16 years of age).—1. A. Rahim; 2. B. M. Costa; 3. S. Gafal.

20.—Seven furlong flat race (handicap: open to past pupils only).—1. J. H. Witchell; 2. F. E. Ellis.

21.—100 yards three-legged race (open to all ages).—1. E. Humphries and D. Rumbahn; 2. A. J. V. Ribeiro; 3. han Yau; 4. J. Barros.

22.—300 yards flat race (Chinese boys under 15 years of age).—1. Lam Fuk; 2. Hung Yu Kwong.

23.—Two mile bicycle race (handicap: open to past pupils only).—1. A. E. Alves; 2. C. Humphreys.

24.—Race open to the Garrison. —1. Private Andrews (band, R.W.F.); 2. Thunker Mahn; 3. Corporal Eynott (R.W.F.).

25.—Indians' race.—1. Mar Mahman; 2. Runjobie.

26.—Sailors' race.—1. L. Morgan; 2. M. O'Mahony; 3. F. Spondor (all of H.M.S. *Centaur*).

Sir John Carrington, C.M.G., presented the prizes, previous to which he delivered a short address. He said it afforded him great pleasure to see boys of different nationalities striving together in friendly rivalry. Athletic exercise was an excellent thing, but although a great admirer of that exercise, he was of opinion that too much attention should not be paid to it, at least, not to the sacrifice of the mind and spirit. Matthew Arnold, the distinguished poet, who thought that too much consideration and attention were devoted to athletics and sports, once said at Oxford:—"There are our young bark rams all a play." Sir John concluded by addressing a few remarks to the unsuccessful competitors, when he told to exercise patience and await the reward of perseverance would bring.

The prizes were then given out, and a pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by three rousing cheers for Sir John Carrington.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

On Saturday there will be a race for yachts in the Championship Class, to be steered by ladies, for a prize presented by the Commodore. The handicap will be:—

Alannah allows

Romito 30 spgs.

Iris 1 min.

Briea 2 "

Chanticleer 2 "

Maria Marian 2 "

Gloria 3 "

Doreen 3 "

Active 5 "

The course will be from Police Pier, round Channel Rocks, mark-round at starting line, and Channel Rocks, all to starboard, and finish across starting line from east to west. Start at 2 p.m.

On the same day and same course there will be a race for service boats steered by the midshipmen in charge, for a prize presented by the Commodore. Start at 2.15 p.m.

On Sunday there will be a race for a prize presented by Captain Brown, C.P.H. Time allowance as per R.R.A. scale. Ratings calculated under new rule. Course will be from Police Pier, round Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock, and the mark-round on the line, all to port, twice round. Start 1 p.m.

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 28th March.

BEFORE MR. HAZELAND.

THE VICTORI OUTRAGE.

Young Kun, store cook, Naval Yard, whose first was charged in conjunction with Lo Tsui, the cook who pleaded guilty to throwing the vitriol upon Mr. F. G. Birk or the 14th inst., was brought up and charged with being an accessory before the fact. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. J. Hayes, solicitor.

Wong Hop, a caulk in the Naval Yard, gave evidence to the effect that he was present when the defendant made arrangements with one Leung Pui—whose name has already been mentioned in connection with the case—to give him (Leung Pui) \$5, which sum was to be paid over to the one who threw the "medicine water" on Mr. Birk.

Mr. Hayes afterwards cross-examined the witness.

The case is proceeding.

BEFORE MR. KEMP.

AN ERRATIC AIM.

An American marine named James Deans was charged with disorderly conduct in the Star Hotel and breaking a mirror valued at \$40. He pleaded not guilty.

A Chinese baker in the hotel said the defendant broke a glass, and threw some beer over the witness when the latter asked him to pay the damage. Witness again told him he would have to make good the loss, and the defendant then picked up a tumbler and threw it at him. The tumbler missed the witness and went through the mirror, smashing it.

The manager of the hotel said the mirror cost \$10.

The defendant pleaded provocation, and alleged that the first witness threw a glass of hot water in his face. He had previously paid for the broken tumbler.

Charles Mc. Horne, another marine, corroborated these statements.

His Worship ordered the defendant to pay compensation to the complainant to the extent of \$100, or in default go to prison for one month. There would be no fine.

LI HUNG-CHANG AND LEKIN.

Professor Robert K. Douglass writes:—Li Hung-chang, with whose methods it is difficult always to be in accord, has at least done good service in this matter. Last year when Viceroy of Canton he arranged with the head men of the local mercantile guilds that the tax should be abolished throughout his province in exchange for the payment by them of an annual sum of \$4,000,000. As the *Liukin* of the province has never been returned officially at more than \$1,000,000—according to Mr. G. H. Parker in his recent work on China—it may be assumed that the liberal balance of \$3,000,000 is considered to be a sufficient sum with which to compensate the collectors and others whose occupations are now gone; while the willingness expressed by the chief merchants to subscribe for the \$4,000,000 is indicative of the larger amount which the guilds have been accustomed to pay on their goods. Thus it may be assumed that everyone is contented; and it only remains for the Viceroy and Governor of the other provinces, in consultation with Peking, to follow Li's example in order to settle once and for all this much vexed question.

THE MANOEUVRES OF LI HUNG-CHANG.

In the Blue-book on China No. 1 (1901) some further details appear of Li Hung-chang's manoeuvres last year. Just before the relief of Peking Li claimed to have been appointed to negotiate peace with the Powers. He had ineffectually attempted to get the troops stopped on their way to Tungchow, and he telegraphed to Shanghai to the Chinese Ambassador in London as follows:—

"Treay Powers all deschred that the solo object of their advancing forces to Peking was to rescue their Ministers. Now they have realised their object; the allied forces are now in Peking, and they find their Ministers, staffs, &c., all well and unharmed. The cessation of hostilities and the conference for the settlement of all difficulties could now be arranged. I have, therefore, to request the British Government to appoint their Plenipotentiary, or to give full power to their representative in Peking, to open the negotiations. I will proceed to Peking as soon as I get a definite information from the British Government. The same application to the American, Japanese, Russian, German, and French Governments. Please convey the above message to Lord Salisbury and request a reply."

And, again, on 21st August he wired:—

"The Emperor and the Mother-empress left Peking; the Boxer insurrectionists are entirely dispersed. There is no necessity of any further military operations. I should feel uneasy if the allied forces, at a great expense, still kept at Peking. I have, therefore, besides the cessation of hostilities, to request the withdrawal of their troops therefrom. I renew the application for the appointment of a Plenipotentiary for Peace Conference. Please communicate the above to Lord Salisbury, and move his lordship to grant a favourable reply. Repeat this telegram to your colleagues at other Courts."

The telegram sent by Sir C. Macdonald on the 24th August, however, runs:—

"The situation here is very complicated. Chinese army still exists in vicinity, also large numbers of boxers. Telegraph wire repeatedly cut, and other communications with Tientsin irregular and uncertain. Rumours of intended attacks are prevalent. It is useless to attempt serious negotiations with the Chinese Government until the Chinese military power is disheartened and completely crushed, and communications with them are made thoroughly secure."

The Powers discussed Li Hung-chang's application among themselves, and ignored it for the time being; while the Admirals interdicted him, in the event of his arrival at Taku, from all communication with the Chinese authorities.

10. 600 yards flat race (handicap: for boys from 13 to 16 years of age).—1. A. Rahim; 2. B. M. Costa; 3. S. Gafal.

20. Seven furlong flat race (handicap: open to past pupils only).—1. J. H. Witchell; 2. F. E. Ellis.

21. 100 yards three-legged race (open to all ages).—1. E. Humphries and D. Rumbahn; 2. A. J. V. Ribeiro; 3. han Yau; 4. J. Barros.

22. 300 yards flat race (Chinese boys under 15 years of age).—1. Lam Fuk; 2. Hung Yu Kwong.

23. 100 yards egg-and-spoon race (open to all ages).—1. J. Lawrence; 2. C. Botelho; 3. J. Barros.

24. Race open to the Garrison. —1. Private Andrews (band, R.W.F.); 2. Thunker Mahn; 3. Corporal Eynott (R.W.F.).

25. Indians' race.—1. Mar Mahman; 2. Runjobie.

26. Sailors' race.—1. L. Morgan; 2. M. O'Mahony; 3. F. Spondor (all of H.M.S. *Centaur*).

Sir John Carrington, C.M.G., presented the prizes, previous to which he delivered a short address. He said it afforded him great pleasure to see boys of different nationalities striving together in friendly rivalry. Athletic exercise was an excellent thing, but although a great admirer of that exercise, he was of opinion that too much attention should not be paid to it, at least, not to the sacrifice of the mind and spirit. Matthew Arnold, the distinguished poet, who thought that too much consideration and attention were devoted to athletics and sports, once said at Oxford:—"There are our young bark rams all a play." Sir John concluded by addressing a few remarks to the unsuccessful competitors, when he told to exercise patience and await the reward of perseverance would bring.

The prizes were then given out, and a pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by three rousing cheers for Sir John Carrington.

27. Indians' race.—1. Mar Mahman; 2. Runjobie.

28. Race open to the Garrison. —1. Private Andrews (band, R.W.F.); 2. Thunker Mahn; 3. Corporal Eynott (R.W.F.).

29. 100 yards flat race (for Chinese boys over 15 years of age).—1. Chan Yau; 2. Ho Sik Lung.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

AN APPEAL FOR BOOKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

JUST UNPACKED.

FINEST ASSORTMENT OF SPONGES,
specially suited for household purposes,
at Moderate Prices.
H. RUTTENJEE,
5, D'Aguilar Street,
22 & 23, Elgin Road,
Kowloon.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [894]

BOOTH MARK LODGE, NO. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the
BOOTH MARK LODGE will be
held at the FREEMASONS' HALL TO-DAY
(FRIDAY), the 29th instant, at 5 for 5.30 P.M.
precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited
to attend.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [893]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction,
on WEDNESDAY,
the 3rd April, 1901, commencing at 2.45 P.M.,
at "KELLETT SPUR," Mount Kellett,
The Peak, the Residence of H. MATHERON
BROWN, Esq.

A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
(Particulars can be seen from Catalogues).
TERMS—Cash before delivery.
On View from Tuesday, p.m., 2nd April,
1901. GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [895]

FOR CHINKIANG AND WUHU.

THE British Steamship

"HSIEH-HO,"
Captain Crawford, will be despatched for the
above ports TO-DAY, the 29th inst., at 4 p.m.
For Freight, apply to SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [891]

POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the
above ports TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at
DAIRLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [890]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"FLANDRIA,"
Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the
above port on MONDAY, the 1st April, at 4
p.m.
This steamer has superior accommodation
for First and Second Class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1901. [892]

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
THE Company's New Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"
Captain A. Ramsay, will be despatched as
above on MONDAY, the 1st April, at 5 p.m.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the
excellent accommodation provided by this
steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric
Light.
A Doctor is carried.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1901. [893]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will
be ready to-morrow and will contain—
Leading Articles:—
Russia in North China.
The New China Blue-book.
A New Score in China.
China's Indemnity to the Powers.
Malta: Cure and Prevention.
Our Inadequate Police Force.
The Crisis: Telegrams.
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong Volunteer Corps: Annual
Inspection.

Serious Troubles in Victoria Gaol.
The Raising of the Canton River.
China's Foreign Trade in 1900.
The Draft Manchester Convention.
The Glengyle-Hawthorn Collision.
Mr. Confer and the U.S. Government.
Theatres Royal.
Hongkong Missions to Seamen.
The Korean Question.
Sugar Prospects in South Formosa.
Canton.
Swatow.
Correspondence.

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addresses sent; including postage 34 cents each,
or \$1 for three copies Cash.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1901.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned will be
REMOVED to the P. & O. Buildings,
DEA VUE ROAD, CENTRAL, on the 1st
April.
GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1901. [845]

FOR SALE.

RURAL BUILDING LOT 103, BARKER
ROAD.
Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1901. [13]

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

MR. HENRY DALLAS'
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Company's visit.

BERTRAM HERMANN,

Business Manager.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [851]

EYE-SIGHT.

MR. N. LAZARUS,

Occulist-Optician, of London and Calcutta,
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16, Queen's Road, Central

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INSTRUMENTS.

STRINGS.

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Grand Stock reduced to Clear for Summer.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1901. [846]

NOTICE.

WO FAT & CO.

SHIP CHANDLERS, SAIL MAKERS,

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS,

No. 11, LEE YUEN STREET, EAST.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1900. [867]

FOR SALE.

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND

SURVEYORS,

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E. O. MURPHY, W. H. A. M. L. MICH. E.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [13]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (FRIDAY),

the 29th March, 1901, at 2.45 P.M., at No. 1

Canton Villas, Kowloon, the Residence of

Mr. A. N. LUKE,

THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE,
Comprising—

Single and Double BEDSTEADS, WARD-

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GRAVINGS, OIL-PAINTINGS, &c., &c.

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SITES.

On View from Thursday, 28th March.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1901. [892]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from THOS. YULE, Esq., to Sell by

Public Auction.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 30th March, at 2.30 P.M., at their

Sale Rooms, Ice House Street,

THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

BRASS LACQUERED BEDSTEAD and

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DINING TABLE, TEAKWOOD WARD-

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No. 2, GOMES VILLAS, Des Vieux Road, Kowloon.
Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Hongkong 10th March, 1901. [781]

TO LET.

HOUSE at MOUNT KELLETT SPUR, now in occupation of H. MATTHEW BROWN Esq., Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Hongkong, 27th March, 1901. [576]

TO LET.

TWO very spacious and well ventilated TWO-STORY EUROPEAN RESIDENCES with GARDENS and TENNIS LAWNS, each containing 6 Rooms, BATH-ROOMS and OUTHOUSES, in MACDONNELL ROAD, on Island Lot No. 1,500. Apply to TANG LAP TING, No. 18, Queen Street, Hongkong, or to MOK MAN CHEUNG, Butterfield & Swire, Hongkong, 10th March, 1901. [702]

TO LET.
FROM 1st APRIL, 1901.

No. 5, MORRISON HILL. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 20, Des Vieux Road, Hongkong, 15th March, 1901. [756]

TO LET.

(From 1st April next).

TWO SPACIOUS SODOWNS, with UPPER FLOORS for Dry Goods, Nos. 1 and 2, facing the Sea, and Situated at BELCHER'S BAY or M. Lot 243. Apply to JOSEPH & CO., 1, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 26th March, 1901. [595]

TO LET.

No. 16, WYNDHAM STREET. Apply to E. A. DE CARVALHO, C. F. DE CARVALHO, Hongkong, 25th March, 1901. [543]

TO LET.

AHOUSE in RIPOU TERRACE. HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD., Hongkong, 18th March, 1901. [566]

OFFICES TO LET.

2ND FLOORS of Nos. 62A and 64, and GROUND FLOOR No. 68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Apply to ON CHAI & CO., 2nd Floor No. 52, Gage Street, Hongkong, 16th January, 1901. [524]

TO LET.

"STILLINGFLEET," PEAK ROAD. 6 ROOMED-HOUSE from 1st May. Apply to ARRATON V. APCAR & CO., Hongkong, 14th March, 1901. [741]

TO LET.

RICHMOND TERRACE—Nos. 2 & 5, Possession on 1st April; No. 6, Immediate Possession. Apply to LAU CHU PAK, Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 1st March, 1901. [612]

TO LET.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. Possession April 1st. Apply to J. W. NOBLE, Hongkong, 6th March, 1901. [601]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS, Cover of Queen's Road Central and Ice House Lane, Suitable for Living Rooms or Offices, Partly Furnished May be rented together or separately. Apply to MANAGER, Hongkong Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 20th March, 1901. [719]

TO LET.

FURNISHED ROOM with BOARD in K. W. LOON. Apply to B. C., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1901. [623]

TO LET, FURNISHED.

TWO Commodious and Beautifully Situated Rooms at the Peak, THE EYRE. For Particulars, apply to R. C. WILCOX, 8, Beaconsfield Avenue, Hongkong, 14th March, 1901. [733]

TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION. NO. 2, SEYMOUR ROAD. Apply to S. B., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 14th March, 1901. [740]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

Mrs. G. GILLANDERS, "GLENWOOD," 21, CANTON ROAD. Hongkong, 20th September, 1900. [563]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS with Board. Apply to Mrs. MATTHEW, 2, Pender's Hill, Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [592]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

Mrs. SIDNEY JEFFREY, "VERITAS," BEACH ROAD WEST, FELIXSTOWE, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND. Hongkong, 28th August, 1900. [73]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are hereby notified that a CALL of \$2 per Share has been made for the 15th instant. PAYMENTS to be made to the Undersigned at the Company's Office, No. 20, Des Vieux Road, on or before that Date accompanied with Scrip for Endorsement.

By Order.

J. W. KEW, Manager, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1901. [623]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

WARRANTS for the FINAL DIVIDEND for the year 1900, Declared This Day, will be ready for delivery to Shareholders at the Offices of the Company on Application from THURSDAY, the 29th instant.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1901. [857]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

LAC FARMING—THE ELECTRIC PIANO—PETROLEUM'S RIVAL—MOISTURE IN PHOTOGRAHY—THOPENAS STEEL—A NOSE-JUMPING INSECT—THE PEANUT IN COLONISATION—AN ARTIFICIAL ECLIPSE—THE RHUMA MICROBE—HAWAIIAN IRRIGATION.

The exports from Assam of lac—usually as crude or stick lac—have averaged about 500 tons annually in recent years, though the production of some forests is declining. The resin is usually collected twice a year—in May and June and again in October and November—the first crop being used for seed purposes, while the second is exported. A few days after the gathering, pieces of stick lac containing living insects are placed in small bamboo baskets, which are tied to the trees that are to furnish the next crop. The insects quickly spread over the branches, and begin at once to feed and secrete resin. If the secretion is satisfactory, it is collected at the end of six months; if deficient, the insects are allowed another six months.

The "Electrochord" of Lieut. Geo. W. Brood, formerly of the United States Navy, is designed to sustain the tones of the piano as in the flute or violin. A row of delicate electrical contacts is connected with the keyboard and with a row of little electro-magnets in front of the strings, so that while any key is pressed the corresponding magnet keeps its string in continuous vibration. A set of four push buttons is arranged to give considerable variation, with very beautiful flute-like effects. A knee swell throws the attachment into action, and when this is not being pressed the piano has its usual tone.

Acetylene bids fair to become the national illuminant in Germany. Although unknown five years ago except to a few chemists, the consumption of calcium carbide in the country in 1900 is estimated at 17,000 tons, equal in illuminating power to about 7,000,000 gallons of petroleum. Small towns are rapidly introducing this gas, which has been very successful also on trains.

Should the above resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

LÜTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1901. [864]

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the General Agents, No. 14, Des Vieux Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd April, 1901, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, that is to say:

That the Company be wound up Voluntarily and that Max Bonnecaze, the business manager of the Company in New South Wales, be and is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

Should the above resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

LÜTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1901. [864]

THE HONGKONG AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the Company, 14, Des Vieux Road, on SATURDAY, the 6th April, 1901, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1900, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March to the 6th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. H. GASKELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1901. [862]

THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH, 1901

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the Company, 14, Des Vieux Road, on SATURDAY, the 6th April, 1901, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1900, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March to the 6th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. H. GASKELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1901. [862]

THE HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 8th day of April, 1901, a New Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the Old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1901. [681]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of April, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1900; and the Report of the Manager and Consulting Committee, and to Elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

It is to the peanut that Herr Bernegar, of Hungary, looks for the civilization of Africa. Great crops are already raised by natives of the British and Portuguese possessions, and the Germans are advised also to encourage the industry. Besides supplying valuable oil, the product containing much nitrogenous matter, is being used in concentrated army rations.

The number of known explosives is stated to have increased from 25 to 1,100 in thirty-two years.

A beautiful reproduction of a total solar eclipse is obtained by Prof. R. W. Wood with very simple apparatus. A rectangular glass tank—which may be a foot square on the front and six inches wide—is filled with water rendered milky by a spoonful of mastic, and into this is

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lowered a six-candle incandescent lamp, which serves as the sun, with a metal disc slightly larger fixed to the point by wax, and performing the part of the eclipsing moon. Several threads of tin foil attached in two groups to opposite sides of the lamp give the polar streamers, the strips of foil—and the spaces between being each $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch wide. The wires of the lamp are kept dry by enclosing in a glass tube, which is attached to the lamp and made tight at the bottom end by wax. On viewing from the front, the light is a perfect solar corona in miniature, with polar streamers and unsymmetrical illumination; and on adding malachite green or other bluish-green aniline dye to the water, the weird colour of the sky is brought out, and the effect of the corona heightened.

The bacillus of acute rheumatism has been found by Prof. Savchenko in five out of six cases of the affection. Laboratory animals prove very susceptible to its action, but they may be immunised by successive inoculations. The microbe is very sensitive to salicylic acid. Its virulence is lessened by repeated cultivation, but may be restored by passage through animals.

The new irrigation ditch of Maui, one of the larger of the Hawaiian Islands, is 22 miles long, has $\frac{1}{2}$ tunnels aggregating 4 miles in length, and is especially remarkable for its crossing of gulches by inverted siphons of pipe 44 inches in diameter. One of these gulches is 350 feet deep. The ditch delivers 50,000,000 gallons of water daily, and has reclaimed 9,000 acres of can-land.

Pure cultures of the photo-luciferum, the organism causing the phosphorescence of the sea, are stated by the London *Times* to be obtainable by placing a fresh haddock or herring in a two per cent. salt solution and keeping it about 40 degrees F. In a few days both fish and fluid emit a pale greenish light, which can be made brighter by a little sugar.

DON'T FISH FOR TROUT WITH A BOAT-HOOK.

Let us suit our tools to the work to be done. We do not trim our nails with broadsword or fish for trout with a boat-hook.

Now, a word is a tool just as a hoe is, or a carpenter's chisel. The Queen's head on a shilling was impressed there by a machine; and certain sounds (called words) were invented for impressing ideas on the mind; on the same principle.

Take the word "excruciating," for instance. It is one of the strongest words in the English language. It is like one of those smashing big hammers in iron or steel foundries—a thing with which green-hands are not to meddle. Like the Lord Mayor's coach, or one's own best clothes, it is only to be brought out on fitting occasions. But when the time comes they must be produced, and shown in all their glory to an admiring public.

On this basis, the soundness whereof an intelligent person will dispute, was Mrs. Ann Hill justified in saying what she does about an experience of hers some time ago? "In Ma ch. 1896," she says, "I began to be afflicted with rheumatism. The disease was keen and violent. It seemed to strike into my system as a poison serpent strikes its fangs into a man's leg when he isn't watching out. My foot and ankle soon became swollen, hot and painful. In a little time the ailment extended up the right leg to the hip. The pain was *excruciating*. I got no rest night or day."

That is what Mrs. Hill says. Is she within bounds? As far as I say, Yes. Some four or five years ago I had my first, and, thank goodness! my only—attack of acute inflammatory rheumatism. I could stand the dull aches of the muscles fairly well, but when it got hold of the big nerves and put on an extra spurt, it made me "holler." We may reverently doubt whether Job himself, incarnation as he was of fortitude and patience, could have borne acute rheumatism, or, gout, which is rheumatism's more stylish brother, with the same sweethearts that mocked his deportment under a load of boils and a scalding wife.

No, Mrs. Hill has not employed the strong word "excruciating" without a sense. There are, more dangerous and fatal diseases, to be sure, than rheumatism; but few that go in to hurt you as it does. Advanced medical authors nowadays are saying it is impossible to tell exactly what pain is. I beg, from the humble view point of an unscientific layman, to suggest that if these dubious doctors will try a season of inflammatory rheumatism they will find out what pain is—even if they can't cure it.

"I could not," continues Mrs. Hill, "put my foot to the ground, and had to lie in bed with it. When I was a bit better, and able to move about, my steps were uncertain as those of a child learning to walk; and I continually feared I might fall. For over a year a year lost out of my life, as I could do no work or enjoy any comfort or pleasure, I hobbled around in this way, never free from pain.

In view of relief—tried almost everything—not fomentations, rubbing oils, &c. But neither they nor the treatment of the doctors did me any good. In June of last year (1897) I made up my mind to try Mother Seigle's Syrup. It had cured my daughter of a serious ailment, and I fancied it might cure my rheumatism. After taking it for about a fortnight I was decidedly better. The pain was so much easier that I could rest and sleep and eat more than I had done for a long time. This so encouraged and cheered me up that I kept on taking the Syrup until I was entirely free from the complaint. That is now over a year ago, and I have not had a touch of rheumatism since; although I have undergone as much exposure as I previously did. You are at liberty to publish the facts in my case if you desire. Ann Hill, 30, Bellgrave Street, Glasgow, September 23, 1898.

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